

ESTABLISHING AUDIO COMMUNICATION DURING INITIALIZATION OF VIDEO CONFERENCE CALLS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A system for setting up video conferencing calls. Setting up such
calls imposes a delay of about 45 seconds. Under the invention, an audio
call is established immediately, and is held during the delay. During the
audio call, static pictures of the conference participants are displayed to the
participants. After set-up becomes complete, an audio-video conference is
10 held, using live audio and video.